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Supervisor Biane, fellow Board members, fund local park plans

Park projects in the Upland and Rancho Cucamonga areas will benefit from action taken this week by Second District Supervisor Paul Biane and his colleagues on the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

The Board on Tuesday voted to allocate \$3,491,661 in funding Proposition 12 – the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clear Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act approved by state voters in 2000 – to several deserving projects in San Bernardino County.

The allocation included \$350,000 for the North Etiwanda Preserve north of Rancho Cucamonga and \$150,000 for improvements to San Antonio Park along the border of the City of Upland and the community of San Antonio Heights.

Supervisor Biane has several goals for the North Etiwanda Preserve, which has grown 26 percent under his direction in only 13 months with the expectation of continued growth.

Supervisor Biane would like to create a kiosk at the proposed Trail Head Park on the corner of Etiwanda Avenue and Day Creek Boulevard. He wants to maintain and expand the trail system throughout the preserve to allow the residents of Rancho Cucamonga and the surrounding communities to hike through the preserve. He also wants to create informational flyers to educate the public about the preserve and to promote it.

Supervisor Biane's primary objective at this point is to install barriers to protect the preserve from off-road vehicles.

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"This is another step towards creating a habitat corridor across the base of the foothills. Diligent efforts on behalf of the preserve have once again proven to be successful," Supervisor Biane said.

Meanwhile, San Antonio Park has been the focus of various improvements aimed at better serving the surrounding neighborhoods. The funding approved by the Board on Tuesday will assist in making improvements to ensure the park is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Long-term plans for San Antonio Park include the construction of a secondary park entrance on Mountain Lane and a lighted parking lot adding 55 additional parking lot stalls, including handicapped parking spaces and access ramps to concrete sidewalk park trails. The proposed concrete sidewalks would be lighted and provide an accessible path around landscaped areas to a proposed ADA-compliant restroom facility, picnic tables, and picnic shelters.

In addition, the new sidewalk will provide access to an existing playground, the existing baseball fields and an existing historically significant Waiting Station Facility located near the new park entrance. The existing Waiting Station is currently undergoing a seismic retrofit. The park improvement plans also incorporate the construction of a plaza and seating area that complement the historic Waiting Station, providing access to the facility and an educational mural depicting the historical site significance.

"This is very exciting news for the people of Upland and Rancho Cucamonga," Supervisor Biane said. "The voters approved this funding, and it's good to see that it will be put to good use in our local communities."